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SUBJ: PRC MEDIA ON THE LIBERATION OF SAIGON

1 IN A MAY 1 EDITORIAL, CHINA HAS OFFERED PROMPT AND PRE-DICTABLE COMMENT ON THE LIBERATION OF SAIGON, WHICH IS CALLS A "GREAT EVENT" OF HISTORICAL AND WORLD SIGNIFICANCE BUT, BY INNUENDO, LIMITED IN TIME. THE EDITORIAL PRAISES THE VICTORY OF THE PEOPLE AND ARMY OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND SINGLES OUT THE PRG FOR SPECIAL MENTION. THERE IS NOT MENTION OF NORTH VIETNAMESE OR HANOI, PER SE, BUT THE ROLE OF HO CHI MINH IS PRAISED. CRITICISM OF US IMPERIALISM IS CLOSELY LINKED WITH PORTRAIT OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE VICTORY AS FURTHER TESTIMONY TO AND PROOF OF THE CORRECTNESS OF PRC THEMES (PROTRACTED ARMED STRUGGLE, PEOPLE ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN WEAPONS, JUST CAUSES ATTRACT ABUNDANT SUPPORT , ECT). PORTRAYED AS
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ANOTHER DELINING SUPERPOWER, THE SOVIETS WERE ATTACKED

AS BEING EVEN MORE AMBITIOUS AND EXPANSIONIST.

2. THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDES WITH THE EXPECTED STANDARD
PRC PLEDGE OF SUPPORT FOR THEIR VIETNAMESE COMRADES AND
BROTHERS, AND AN EXPANSION OF CONFIDENCE THAT AN
"INDEPENDENT , FREE , UNITED AND PROSPEROUS NEW VIETNAME WILL
CERTAINLY COME INTO BEING".

3. EARLIER, NCNA ON APRIL 30 CITED US REPORTS ON THE
EVACUATION OF ALL AMERICAN PERSONNEL FROM SOUTH VIETNAME AND
NOTED THAT THE ACTION DEMONSTRATED THE "TOTAL FAILURE" OF
THE POLICY OF US IMPERIALISM". HOWEVER, THE GREATER PORTION
OF THE ARTICLE IS DEVOTED TO THE MORE POSITIVE REMARKS OF
PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER. THE NEWS ITEM CITES
THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT THAT THE EVACUATION "CLOSES A
CHAPTER IN THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE". AND THAT AMERICANS SHOULD
"LOOK AHEAD" AND "AVOID RECRIMINATIONS ABOUT THE PAST".

4. NCNA, WHICH FREQUENTLY DRAWS UPON COMMENTS WHICH ACCORD
WITH PEKING'S VIEWS, ALSO TOOK NOTE OF THE SECRETARY'S STATE-
MENT THAT THE US WILL BE IN CONSULTATION WITH ASIAN AND PACIFIC
COUNTRIES AND FRIENDS IN THE FORMULATION OF A NEW ASIAN POLICY.
IT CONCLUDED BY QUOTING KISSINGER THAT, "ONE LESSON WE MUST
LEARN FROM THIS EXPERIENCE IS THAT WE MUST BE VERY CAREFUL
IN THE COMMITMENTS WE MAKE, BUT THAT WE SHOULD SCRUPULOUSLY
HONOR THOSE COMMITMENTS THAT WE MAKE".
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